

Oak Park Theatre (Lamar Theatre)
116-120 S. Marion Street
Oak Park
Cook County
Illinois

HABS #IL-1149

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Illinois	COUNTY Cook	TOWN OR VICINITY Oak Park
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Oak Park Theatre (Oak Leaves Newspaper, Article 10-18-13)		EABS NO. IL-1149
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Lamar Theatre		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 116-120 S. Marion Street, Oak Park, IL 60302		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) (V.O.P. Building Records) May through October 1913		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The theatre was built to accommodate both vaudeville and motion pictures. The Oak Park Theatre was the third major theatre to be built after the turn of the century. The first and largest was the Warrington Opera House designed by architect, E.E. Roberts, and built in 1902. The Play House Theatre, A Prairie School design by Roberts also, opened in 1913.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) N.A.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The theatre is of brick construction with a concrete slab on earth. The roof is supported by a full span 6 foot deep steel truss system approximately 15 feet O.C. and supported on 20 inch brick piers integral with the exterior brick walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See Attachment A		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See Photos No Exterior Details of Note		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor Plan Attached No Interior Details of Note		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Marquee added in 1929; lobby remodeled in 1930; stairs relocated in 1936; new lobby and fire doors in 1973. There is evidence that the building was greatly enlarged in 1915. The original building permit states that the size of the structure was 67 feet by 112 feet. The present theatre structure is 67 feet by 168 feet, no records found.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Theatre has suffered from neglect and extensive water damage. Theatre has been vacant for several years.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) (V.O.P. Building Records) Oak Leaves Newspaper Article 10-18-13		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Fred H. Zinke, Senior Planner, Village of Oak Park		DATE 05-14-87

FLOOR PLAN - OAK PARK THEATRE

PLEASANT ST.

BUSINESS

LOBBY

SEATING

ROOF
TRUSS

STAGE

BUSINESS

ALLEY

RESIDENTIAL

North